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The Appeal Brief filed on 23 December 2004 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

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1. ☒ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☒ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. ☒ The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)).
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7. ☒ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
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The present brief does not comply to the format required by the new rules. The brief should have a section entitled Summary of claimed subject matter which includes a concise explanation of the subject matter for each independent claim and refers to the specification by page and line number; a section entitled Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal which lists the rejections which are being appealed; and a section entitled Evidence appendix which would include the applicant's table. Further, the sections Issues for review and Grouping of claims are no longer required in the appeal brief. With respect to the arguments section a separate heading is required for each rejection and any claim argued separately must have a separate subheading. Also the listing of the claims is incorrect because claim 21 includes references to the drawings figures which are not present in the actual claims and should be removed.

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